

hydrolysis of one or more polysaccharides, chosen from β -(arabino)galactans, β -(arabino)xylans, β -glucans, β -glucomannans, β -galactomannans, α -arabans, inulin and combinations thereof.--

Amend claim 5 as follows:

--5. (amended) Preparation according to Claim 1, wherein the oligosaccharides originate from the hydrolysis of one or more fibres, such as fibres originating from oats, wheat, potatoes, sugar beet, soya polysaccharides and the like.--

Amend claim 6 as follows:

--6. (amended) Preparation according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the bacterial strains is chosen from one or more strains of a *Lacto-bacillus* or a *Bifidobacterium* species and the yeast strain is a strain of a *Saccharomyces* species.--

Amend claim 7 as follows:

--7. (amended) Preparation according to claim 1 which also contains dead yeast cells.--

Amend claim 8 as follows:

--8. (amended) Preparation according claim 1, wherein the ratio between the one or more probiotics and the one or more non-digestible oligo-saccharides is in the range of 1 to 5 g oligosaccharides per 10^7 to 10^{11} cells of the probiotic.--